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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl? G10K15/04, G10K15/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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